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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of—	Proportion of cells with			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000	.35	.70	1.00	
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			
Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of—	Are likely to have sampling variability of--			
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%			
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%			
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%			
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000			
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500			

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		U.S. flag carriers		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		North America		South America		Europe		Asia	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers									All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							Australia and Oceania	
Total, all carriers...	110,067	(X)	22,634	11,131	50,798	19,997	2,409	2,432	819	824	(X)	92,601	53,091	432,904	196,158	19,487	16,717			
U.S. flag carriers....	110,067	(X)	39,925	9,091	3,463	17,777	7,931	578	698	(X)	20,7,662	45,721	15,723	144,776	87,405	4,573	3,980			
Boston, Mass.	2,691	-	1	2,036	35	22	17	28,645	12,028	2,654	15	24,471	3,388	469	208					
Br-digeport, Conn.	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buffalo, N.Y.	460	152	42	152	97	2,756	3,381	32,207	5,958	218	1,432	413,848	141,944	228,893	299,296	67,586	2,200	11,152		
New York City, N.Y.	45,952	16,684	136	268	557	159	1	17	7,754	3,844	60	1,305	793	4,222	1,277	8	150	3	1	
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,139	759	23	(2)	23	23	(2)	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	22	47	-	-	-	
Baltimore, Md.	1,42	1,42	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	124	124	21	21	22	25	57	-	-	-	
Washington, N.C.	12	12	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	2,567	730	302	160	1,611	487	-	7	-	-	
Charleston, S.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Savannah, Ga.	245	202	92	3	127	22	-	(2)	-	144	33	139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tampa, Fla.	36	12	55	1	1	-	-	-	-	3,886	388	203	85	303	-	-	1	86	2	
Nobile, Alab.	37	37	8	29	-	-	-	(2)	-	79	1,367	621	1,078	338	-	-	-	-	-	
New Orleans, La.	538	296	308	101	-	-	-	-	-	597	338	636	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Laredo, Tex.	116	54	98	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
El Paso, Tex.	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nogales, Ariz.	8	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	19	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles, Calif.	8,182	2,841	551	203	5,075	485	69	83,494	27,126	4,015	2,854	24,239	46,515	4,843	1,028	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco, Calif.	4,694	2,486	152	71	1,829	3,377	781	10	65,281	28,649	3,748	617	3,442	48,729	5,576	1,688				
Portland, Ore.	4,22	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,339	139	-	-	-	-	-	80			
Seattle, Wash.	855	709	209	7	236	392	6	4	11,363	7,877	2,238	115	4,40	4,784	7					
Anchorage, Alaska.	389	26	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	721	343	6	2	713	-	-	-	-	-	
Honolulu, Hawaii.	546	283	62	-	-	395	-	-	-	2,052	791	26	-	4	759	1,223	-	-	-	
Great Falls, Mont.	145	43	45	-	-	(2)	146	151	-	6,533	613	633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bozeman, Mont.	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minneapolis, Minn.	291	291	107	-	6	1,78	-	(2)	-	5,286	5,286	-	-	93	4,695	-	4	-	-	
Detroit, Mich.	2,208	31	1,537	67	32	64	13,530	10,864	2,518	63	10,399	169	1,166	12,735	116	1,197	1,185			
Chicago, Ill.	10,487	4,918	2,388	17	6,341	1,527	20	194	68,405	32,483	16,953	157	37,993	12,735	116	1,351				
Cleveland, Ohio.	4,04	24	285	-	114	23	1	1,194	1,194	1,188	-	1,739	36	2	9	2	2	2		
St. Louis, Mo.	135	134	11	-	120	3	-	1	1,373	1,371	1,371	-	1,318	6	-	-	120			
San Juan, P.R.	784	386	716	62	5	-	2	1,765	915	1,158	308	-	-	-	-	-	49			
Miami, Fla.	13,997	5,198	7,157	5,659	221	16	(2)	4	44,183	16,204	18,996	21,916	2,999	207	15	-	-	-	-	
Houston, Tex.	1,516	513	686	1,54	382	281	26	4	109	8,006	2,423	3,092	419	1,323	13	668				
Washington, D.C.	280	47	2	26	241	111	-	2	10,478	665	9	371	9,899	1,323	71	-	38			
All other districts.	13,986	30	30	1,101	4,483	2,091	-	78	427	31,319	314	248	11,122	5,284	1,815	1,408				
Shipments under \$251.	13,986	(N/A)	5,147	1,101	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,541	2,149	(D)	8,666	5,203	(D)	(D)				
Special Category.	667	403	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)				

^a Represents zero.
^b Represents 500 pounds or less.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

X Not applicable.

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Na Not available.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total		U.S. flag carriers		South America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania		Total		U.S. flag carriers		North America	
	All	U.S. flag carriers	North America	U.S. flag carriers	South America	Europe	Australia and Oceania	Asia	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Europe	Africa
Total, all carriers...	78,177	(X)	8,418	8,120	41,997	18,800	492	321	607,766	(X)	42,090	23,588	340,945	169,963	3,459	27,685		
U.S. flag carriers...	34,249	3,441	1,956	17,438	9,351	2,756	45	-	1	19,059	8,021	1,064	87,282	1,444	953			
Boston, Mass.	3,039	1,295	1	1	(Z)	-	-	-	39	11	11	16	1,370	1,222	-	15	-	
Bridgeport, Conn.	2	45	43	-	3	-	-	-	20	11	11	12	-	-	-	-	-	
Bridgeport, Conn.	290	207	290	21	34	-	-	-	4,260	3,777	5,750	14,451	504	17	-	-	-	
Buffalo, N.Y.	314	1,520	3,464	27,388	6,249	79	267	308,131	128,287	5,750	14,451	218,120	43,920	609	25,281			
New York, N.Y.	38,569	16,370	56	134	744	185	(Z)	2	7,873	3,393	427	618	5,925	530	17	355		
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,121	549	56	114	744	185	(Z)	-	-	2,635	603	23	-	5,688	44	-	-	
Baltimore, Md.	95	90	2	-	86	7	-	-	2,956	2,244	1	-	2,266	-	-	-	-	
Washington, D.C.	293	(Z)	-	-	293	-	-	-	-	2,244	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charleston, S.C.	5	5	(Z)	-	5	-	-	-	2,244	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Savannah, Ga.	47	46	10	(Z)	36	1	(Z)	888	878	30	1	814	39	-	-	4	-	
Tempo, Fla.	105	48	101	-	4	-	-	-	295	135	242	-	52	-	-	-	-	
Mobile, Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	
New Orleans, La.	212	93	201	1	3	7	-	-	401	109	298	90	10	24	-	-	-	
Laredo, Tex.	115	85	114	-	(Z)	-	-	-	445	134	415	-	6	-	-	-	-	
El Paso, Tex.	24	17	21	-	3	(Z)	-	-	397	294	345	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Nome, Alaska....	12	11	12	-	(Z)	-	-	-	165	159	165	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles, Calif.	5,472	3,073	389	133	1,014	3,797	130	9	82,712	39,048	2,723	605	31,557	40,607	959	1,215	-	
San Francisco, Calif.	5,314	3,729	82	13	394	4,717	110	2	67,931	42,024	1,285	60	4,081	63,980	1,574	-	-	
Portland, Ore.	4	3	3	-	1	1,253	(Z)	-	36	33	26	-	10	-	-	-	-	
Seattle, Wash.	1,527	1,375	81	-	192	(Z)	11,811	8,191	1,990	-	-	-	1,568	8,226	25	1	-	
Anchorage, Alaska....	39	1	(Z)	-	8	31	-	-	600	24	3	-	537	59	-	-	-	
Honolulu, Hawaii....	347	202	41	-	27	182	137	(Z)	2,680	1,020	58	-	971	1,421	223	7	-	
Great Falls, Mont.	8	7	8	-	(Z)	-	-	-	80	77	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pembina, N.Dak.	64	30	64	-	(Z)	-	-	-	340	301	334	-	6	(Z)	-	-	-	
Minneapolis, Minn.	85	81	13	11	56	(Z)	5	1,351	1,302	296	2	531	437	1	44	-		
Detroit, Mich.	1,608	1,107	440	1,151	14	3	6,173	3,413	1,858	3	4,104	179	-	29	-	-		
Chicago, Ill.	4,798	2,102	451	5	3,572	752	4	43,528	14,737	6,132	48	31,775	5,161	13	98	-	-	
Cleveland, Ohio.	132	15	44	(Z)	78	11	-	-	1,316	385	605	(Z)	536	1,75	-	-	-	
St. Louis, Mo.	147	141	2	5	141	(Z)	-	-	1,367	1,334	11	19	1,335	(Z)	-	-	-	
San Juan, P.R.	1,811	557	1,175	356	269	10	-	(Z)	3,492	750	1,559	517	1,920	493	-	3	-	
Miami, Fla.	6,598	2,661	3,504	3,678	384	32	7	2	17,819	8,626	6,528	6,563	4,568	1,41	-	19	-	
Orlando, Fla.	368	155	142	182	27	1	2	6,944	3,389	339	18	2,422	3	-	-	-	-	
Washington, D.C.	805	638	53	-	731	20	-	1	9,010	7,374	112	-	8,379	112	-	407	-	
All other districts....	36	25	29	(Z)	6	1	-	-	161	92	99	25	3,29	8	-	-	-	
Shipments under \$251...	4,975	(NA)	826	148	2,525	1,404	29	12	6,066	(NA)	1,008	181	3,079	1,712	36	15	-	

NA Not available.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

- Represents zero.